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Office Action Summary

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Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Feb 26, 2001

2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above, claim(s) 1-6, 8-21, 23-36, and 38-46 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 7, 22, 37, 47-52, and 56-58 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 53-55, 59, and 60 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claims are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are objected to by the Examiner.

11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.

12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. .

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). .

16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

17) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). .

20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

2. Claims 53-55, 59 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kasiviswanathan(US Patent 6,215,857).

Regarding claim 55 , Kasiviswanathan teaches the method of receiving an attempt to initiate a communications session from a calling party's communication device which corresponds to subscriber A 200, Fig. 2 to a called party's communication device corresponding to subscriber B 22, Fig. 2. Kasiviswanathan discloses providing an indication that communications session was not completed(column 5, lines 16-23; column 5, lines 51-58). Kasiviswanathan teaches providing at the calling party's communication device a message providing an indication of treatment(see Fig. 5) corresponding to the attempted communication device.

As to claims 53, 54, 59 and 60, Kasiviswanathan teaches receiving the indication of a particular version of the treatment(column 6, lines 8-22). See the explanation as set forth in rejection of claim 55.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 22, 37, 47-52 and 56⁵~~8~~ are allowable

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-60 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

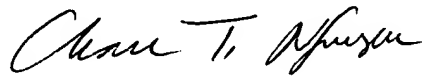
Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Boakye whose telephone number is (703) 308-9554. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 7:00am to 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nguyen Chau, can be reached on (703)308-5340. The **informal fax number** (Draft or proposed Amendment) for this Group is (703)308-6743 wherein the **formal fax number** for the group is (703) 872-9314. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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